

Needs

The public opinion survey conducted as part of the master plan development process revealed the top ten city-wide park and recreational facility needs to be as follows:

1. Bicycle, jogging and exercise trails
2. Security lighting
3. Nature areas
4. Community centers
5. Playgrounds
6. Tree plantings
7. Covered picnic pavilions
8. Open play areas
9. Swimming pools
10. Soccer fields

Looking closer at the survey results, listed below are the top five facility needs for each geographic sector. The central sector has been further divided into four quadrants to better reflect its population diversity.

Central Sector (Southeast Quadrant)

1. Community centers
2. Security lighting
3. Swimming pools
4. Indoor basketball courts
5. Covered picnic pavilions

Central Sector (Northwest Quadrant)

1. Jogging & exercise trails
2. Nature areas
3. Bicycle trails
4. Tree plantings
5. Open play areas

Central Sector (Southwest Quadrant)

1. Bicycle trails
2. Jogging & exercise trails
3. Nature centers
4. Mountain biking
5. Soccer fields

Central Sector (Northeast Quadrant)

1. Community centers
2. Security lighting
3. Swimming pools
4. Picnic tables
5. Soccer fields

Southeast Sector

1. Security lighting
2. Playgrounds
3. Jogging & exercise trails
4. Community centers
5. Covered picnic pavilions

Southwest Sector

1. Playgrounds
2. Security lighting
3. Nature areas
4. Jogging & exercise trails
5. Bicycle trails

West Sector

1. Jogging & exercise trails
2. Bicycle trails
3. Nature areas
4. Tree plantings
5. Security lighting

Northwest Sector

1. Jogging & exercise trails
2. Security lighting
3. Bicycle trails
4. Nature areas
5. Playgrounds

Northeast Sector

1. Swimming pools
2. Jogging & exercise trails
3. Covered outdoor basketball courts
4. Security lighting
5. Community centers

Far Northeast Sector

1. In-line skating park
2. Community center
3. Nature areas
4. Softball fields
5. Covered outdoor basketball courts

Priorities

The public opinion survey conducted as part of the master plan development process revealed the top ten citywide priorities to be as follows:

1. Restore and improve existing parks
2. Provide more facilities and programs for teenagers and young adults
3. Improve undeveloped park sites within existing neighborhoods
4. Buy more parkland in areas that are currently poorly served
5. Develop additional smaller parks used by neighborhood and community residents
6. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas
7. Provide more facilities and programs for younger children
8. Utilize school system for recreational facilities
9. Provide more facilities and programs for senior citizens
10. Set aside more open space within parks.

Looking closer at the survey results, listed below are the top five priorities for each geographic sector. The central sector has again been further divided into four quadrants.

Central Sector (Southeast Quadrant)

1. Restore and improve existing parks
2. Improve undeveloped park sites within existing neighborhoods
3. Provide more facilities and programs for teenagers and young adults
4. Buy more parkland in areas that are currently poorly served
5. Repair or replace existing swimming pools

Central Sector (Southwest Quadrant)

1. Develop additional smaller parks used by neighborhood and community residents
2. Restore and improve existing parks
3. Provide more facilities and programs for teenagers and young adults
4. Improve undeveloped park sites within existing neighborhoods
5. Utilize school system for recreational facilities

Central Sector (Northwest Quadrant)

1. Improve undeveloped park sites within existing neighborhoods
2. Buy more parkland in areas that are currently poorly served.
3. Develop additional smaller parks used by neighborhood and community residents
4. Restore and improve existing parks
5. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas

Central Sector (Northeast Quadrant)

1. Restore and improve existing parks
2. Provide more facilities and programs for teenagers and young adults
3. Provide more facilities and programs for younger children
4. Repair or replace existing City swimming pools
5. Provide more facilities and programs for senior citizens

Southeast Sector

1. Provide more facilities and programs for teenagers and young adults
2. Provide more facilities and programs for younger children
3. Buy more parkland in areas that are currently poorly served
4. Develop additional smaller parks used by neighborhood and community residents
5. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas

Southwest Sector

1. Provide more facilities and programs for teenagers and young adults
2. Utilize school system for recreational facilities
3. Restore and improve existing parks
4. Provide more facilities and programs for younger children
5. Provide more facilities and programs for senior citizens

West Sector

1. Restore and improve existing parks
2. Buy more parkland in areas that are currently poorly served
3. Develop a few larger parks that are used by a region of the City
4. Set aside more open space within parks
5. Develop additional smaller parks used by neighborhood and community residents

Northwest Sector

1. Restore and improve existing parks
2. Improve undeveloped park sites within existing neighborhoods
3. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas
4. Provide more facilities and programs for younger children
5. Utilize school system for recreational facilities

Northeast Sector

1. Provide more facilities and programs for younger children
2. Provide more facilities and programs for teenagers and young adults
3. Restore and improve existing parks
4. Utilize school system for recreational needs
5. Provide more facilities and programs for senior citizens

Far Northeast Sector

1. Provide more facilities and programs for teenagers and young adults
2. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas
3. Restore and improve existing parks
4. Buy more parkland in areas that are currently poorly served
5. Provide more facilities and programs for senior adults

**CITY OF HOUSTON
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY**

The City of Houston's Parks and Recreation Department has drafted a new Master Plan to guide park development over the next 10 to 15 years. Your input is needed to help assess and prioritize needs. Please take a moment this evening to complete this survey, or if you prefer, you may take the survey home with you and return it by mail to: Vernon G. Henry and Associates, Inc., 515 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 205, Houston, TX 77027. Please do not write your name on the survey in order to ensure confidentiality.

1. From the list below, please rate what you see as the top ten park and recreational facility needs *for your neighborhood*, with number 1 being the most needed.

<input type="text"/> baseball fields	<input type="text"/> tennis courts
<input type="text"/> softball fields	<input type="text"/> swimming pools
<input type="text"/> indoor basketball courts	<input type="text"/> golf courses
<input type="text"/> outdoor basketball courts	<input type="text"/> community centers
<input type="text"/> covered, outdoor basketball courts	<input type="text"/> volleyball courts
<input type="text"/> bicycle trails	<input type="text"/> covered picnic pavilions
<input type="text"/> jogging and exercise trails	<input type="text"/> picnic tables
<input type="text"/> soccer fields	<input type="text"/> nature areas
<input type="text"/> football fields	<input type="text"/> open play areas
<input type="text"/> in-line skating park	<input type="text"/> tree plantings
<input type="text"/> security lighting	<input type="text"/> other: <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/> playgrounds	

2. From the list below, please rate what you see as the top ten park and recreational facility needs *for the entire City*, with number 1 being the most needed.

<input type="text"/> baseball fields	<input type="text"/> tennis courts
<input type="text"/> softball fields	<input type="text"/> swimming pools
<input type="text"/> indoor basketball courts	<input type="text"/> golf courses
<input type="text"/> outdoor basketball courts	<input type="text"/> community centers
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<input type="text"/> security lighting	<input type="text"/> other: <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/> playgrounds	

3. From the list below, please circle the places that you and your household use most frequently for recreation. If a public park or school, please name.

public park: <input type="text"/>	health or fitness club	community center
public school: <input type="text"/>	country club	other: <input type="text"/>
homeowners association. park	golf course	

4. Please circle the level of priority which should be given by the City for the following statements:

	High Priority			Low Priority
a. Provide more facilities and programs for younger children	1	2	3	4
b. Provide more facilities and programs for teenagers and young adults	1	2	3	4
c. Provide more facilities and programs for senior citizens	1	2	3	4
d. Provide more special events in parks	1	2	3	4
e. Repair or replace existing City swimming pools	1	2	3	4
f. Develop baseball, softball and soccer fields as needed wherever space is available	1	2	3	4
g. Develop sports complexes for baseball, softball and soccer	1	2	3	4
h. Utilize school system for recreational facilities	1	2	3	4
i. Develop additional smaller parks used by neighborhood and community residents	1	2	3	4
j. Develop a few larger parks that are used by a region of the City	1	2	3	4
k. Fix up existing parks	1	2	3	4
l. Buy more parkland in areas that are currently poorly served	1	2	3	4
m. Improve undeveloped park sites within existing neighborhoods	1	2	3	4
n. Set aside more open space within parks	1	2	3	4
o. Preserve environmentally sensitive areas	1	2	3	4

5. What programs and/or facilities would you like to see provided that are currently not available? _____

6. Additional comments: _____

What is the total number of people living in your household? _____

How many in your household are:

Less than 6 years old	_____	25-44	_____
6-17	_____	45-64	_____
18-24	_____	65 or older	_____

What is your zip code? _____ How long have you lived in Houston? _____

Thank you for participating in our survey!